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A Bill to create Sir *W——m P——d* (for preventing any doubts which might arise) to be again Lord Mayor of *London* upon the entering up of the next *Quo-Warranto*, he having formerly so *WORTHILY* Executed the said Office. And that a Clause be added to the said Bill, that if the said Sir *W. P.* Decease before that time, and that Sir *J——n M——e* survive (and retains his *former understanding*) that then he may Succeed. And for the more *decent* Stating him therein, That Major *Sp——r* (Col. *Quiney* being dead) with his Company of Train'd Bands do see to his Investiture upon the *Hustings* at *Guild-Hall*.

Sir *T——s K——n* (although he is an Alderman and was a Commission Sheriff) humbly Petitioned that he might be Priviledged to be a *Jury-Man* the next *Sham* Protestant Plot, to Try or *Murder* any Alderman or good Citizen if need require; the same was thought reasonable, he having formerly given such abundant proof of his *Abilities* therein. And Sir *R——t B——d* and Sir *P——r F——y* desire the same Priviledge.

Leave given to Sir *F——s C——d* to retire to *Tunbridge*, for any time not exceeding Six Weeks, to prepare a Bill for the Calling home the pretended Prince of *Wales*, to be brought up in the Protestant Religion under the Tuition of Sir *J——n R——nd*'s Chaplin, notwithstanding the late Act of Parliament for setling the Succession of the Crown, and the Limitations therein directed.

Sir *J——n P——n* moved, that when Sir *F——s C——d* had brought over the aforesaid P. of *W.* if the Pope's *Nuncio* comes with him and Dines at *Guild-Hall*, that he may be appointed to introduce the said *Nuncio*; but this could not be granted. without first having leave of Sir *P——ll F——y*: Ordered that Sir *S——l D——d* do attend Sir *B. F.* and know his pleasure therein.

At the Motion of Sir *S——l D——d* a Committee was appointed to prepare a Bill to forbid any Alderman or Commoner to go to *White-Hall* (if so be the late King *James* should chance to be brought thither) before having first taken leave of his Wife and Children, and drank off his Glass; and that the said Bill be sent to *J——n M——r* Esq; (sometime a Member of Parliament) and to Mr. *J——n S——k* for their Perusal and Approbation.

A Bill to Constitute Sir *T——s C——k* Auditor General of Accounts of all Moneys dispos'd of for any Secret Services; and that he have leave to app... Sir *B. F.* or Dr. *D——r* his Deputy, and if at any time he finds it necessary to advise with Councel, that he apply to Sir *B——w S——re*, or Mr. *H——t*.

A Bill for the better incouragement and relief of the Beggers about the streets, and to exempt them from Working, to be brought in by Sir *F——s C——d* and the Ward of *Faringdon*.

A Bill to Enable the *Bridge-Ward* to Demand of Sir *C——s D——b* to account for the *Arrears* of his Promises upon their Choice of him to be their Alderman, to be prepared by Mr. *P——r* the *Scrivener*, and Mr. *E——r* the *Non Juror*; and, if there be occasion, to advise with the Town of *Ipswich*.

A Bill for *Sir P——r* to be a *Supervisor* at the next Mob-scrutiny, though he be Chosen Sheriff (any Usuage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding) to be brought in by *Sir C——s D——b*, and spoken to by *Sir T——s G——k*.

Ordered, That if *Sir C——s D——b* be Elected Lord Mayor next *Michaelmas-day*, that Mrs. *M——g——n* be Constituted *Lady Mayoress* for *that Year*, to prevent any Qualms which may arise in some Ladies, who formerly doubted about the Respects due to her the said Mrs. *M——n*. Certificates and Vouchers at present being mislaid; But she appeals to Mrs. *J——y*, who saith that Madam *M.* assures her, that though she knows not whether *Sir C. D.* is Marry'd to her, yet Madam *M——g——n* saith that she is sure she is Marry'd to *Sir C. D*

A Bill for the better security of the Church by preventing the taking away of the Cushions out of the Lord Mayor's Chappel by *Guild-Hall*, for any sacred use or

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other pretence whatsoever, to be drawn up by the Care and Direction of *Sir T----s C----k*, and if needful, to advise with *Sir O----n B----m* about the same.

Ordered, That *Sir W----m A----t* do direct the Town-Clerk Nicely to draw up a Bill to prevent the Citizens from Enquiring after, or prying into the Proceedings or Management, either of the Aldermen or Common-Councelmen at their Courts or Committees appointed for the good Government of the City, or into their Appearances and Attendance when Summoned on Extraordinary Occasions for Publick Service.

A Bill to Impower the Chamberlain to purchase a large piece of Ground upon some Eminency, either towards the upper end of *Wading-street*, or near the *Old-Jury*, for the Building of a sumptious House for the fixed Habitation of an Alderman, with Pipes laid under Ground for the better Conveyance of the *best Air*, either from beyond *Banstead-Downs*, or from *High-Gate-Hill*, to be brought in by *Sir R----t C----n* and *Sir W----m A----t*.

Ordered, That *M----s B----r* near *Cheap-Side* do draw the next Instrument for the Circulation of *Exchequer Bills*, Appointing *Sir C----s D----b* first Commissioner therein; and that he carry the same to the late *A----y G----l* to be approved with a *Non Obstante* to *Sir C. D*'s last Tryal.

A Bill to prevent any *Retrospect* of Charges, or Accounts of Disbursements, by any City Officer or Agent which have been attested by any of the Aldermen, or Common Councelmen (though brought home to them) to be drawn by Mr. *B----t*, with the Advice of such of the City Councel as he shall judge most Intelligent therein.

Ordered, That a Committee of Three out of every Ward be appointed to frame a Bill to excuse all Eminently *Cautious* Citizens from any service either in Person, or Purse, which might tend to the Safety of their Families, the Good of the City, the Security of the Protestant Religion, the Welfare of the Nation, or the Peace of *Europe*; and that none be of this Committee who are worth less than 10000 *l.* and are of known Abilities, to Claim a Right in the said Bill.

Sir *J----n F----t* Moved for a Bill, That Citizens might not be obliged to Vote *according* to their *Understandings* and *Consciences*, or the *Oathes* of Freemen; but after the *Direction* of those on whom they *depend*, or are otherwise by *Interest* or *Party* Engaged. Upon a *Division* the same was agreed to, and the Care of Forming the said Bill was recommended to Sir *J----n M----r*, *Sir W----m C----e*, and *Sir J----ph S----t* Aldermen, and to *M----y*, *M----re*, *M----d* Deputies, Col. *H----s*, Col. *J----n*, Mr. *J---- P----y* and Mr. *J---- W----t* Scriveners, or any Four of them.

A Committee was Appointed to Examin the *Chest*, wherein the several Presentments of the Inquests of the Wards are Annually deposited, whether they be well secured there, so that none of them may be look'd into before the return of the next Presentments. And that they report the Matter to the whole Court of Aldermen.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed consisting of Aldermen past the Chair, to bring in a Bill to prevent any Lord *Mayor*, Sheriff, or Alderman hereafter, to sell or dispose of any City Office, or Place whatsoever under the value at least of Five Years Purchase, any former Usuage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; And that the said Committee do bring in a Clause to forbid the Common Councel to Elect any Person to any Office in their Choice, till first the said Person has adjusted his Pretensions with the Lord *Mayor* for the Time being, (let his Qualifications be what they will) and produce his Certificate of the same: And in case the Common Councel do Usurp upon the Prerogatives of the *Chair*, that then in such Case the Lord *Mayor* do Command the Sword-Bearer to take up the Sword and dismiss the Assembly.

And a Motion being made by a City Officer, That no Lord *Mayor*, when he has given his promise to grant a Place upon a Price fixed and agreed to, should refuse to Confirm the same, because more Money is offered, it pass'd in the *Negative*.

Agreed to be a Standing Order of the Court.

That no Livery-Man hereafter, upon the Election of Members to serve for Parliament, at his utmost Peril do presume to Vote for any Citizen, though never so fitly Qualify'd, who is not either a Governor or Director of the *Bank of England*, or of the *New*, or the *Old East-India* Company; and that Sir *R. L.* near *Goldsmiths-Hall*, Mr. *G. H.* near the *Stocks-Market*, and Mr. *P.* in *Aldersgate-street*, do see that this Order be Printed and Published.

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